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UN MISSION

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1. MISOFFS WILSON AND GLENNON MET SECOND SECRETARY ALBERTO SALADO VILLACIN OF CUBAN MISSION AT USUN AS SCHEDULED, 11:00 AM, MARCH 4, 1975 (REF B). CUBANS HAD STUDIED NOTE ON TRAVEL (REF A) AND SALADO CAME WELL PREPARED WITH SPECIFIC QUESTIONS. MAJORITY HIS QUESTIONS COVERED BY RESUME USUN HAD PREPARED, COPY OF WHICH HANDED SALADO AT MEETING (SEE PARA 4).

2. ADDITIONALLY, SALADO HAD QUESTION REGARDING PORTS OF ENTRY WITHIN 250-MILE RADIUS WHICH MIGHT BE USED BY MEMBERS OF CUBAN MISSION WHEN ARRIVING IN US FROM ABROAD. ACCORDING SALADO, PRESENT INSTRUCTIONS HELD BY CUBAN MISSION LIMIT PORT OF ENTRY TO KENNEDY AIRPORT, NEW YORK CITY. THEREFORE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT'S ADVICE WHETHER RELAXATION TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS PERMITS CUBAN MISSION USE OTHER PORTS OF ENTRY. ACCORDING SALADO, CUBA'S AMBASSADOR, ALARCON QUESADA, ALSO ACCREDITED IN PORT OF SPAIN AND ELSEWHERE, AND ARRANGING FLIGHT INTO KENNEDY SOMETIMES DIFFICULT.

3. COMMENT: APPROXIMATELY HALF-HOUR MEETING WAS OPEN AND
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BUSINESS-LIKE. SALADO, WHO HAS BEEN IN US TWO AND ONE-HALF

YEARS, WAS CORDIAL AND SPOKE GOOD ENGLISH. JUDGING FROM HIS REMARKS, CUBAN REACTION TO RELAXATION OF TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS IS POSITIVE. SALADO SAID HE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING MORE OF US, ADDING: "NEW YORK CITY IS NOT THE WHOLE UNITED STATES." SALADO INVITED TELEPHONE USUN ANY TIME SHOULD HE HAVE FURTHER QUESTIONS. HE WAS PROMISED ANSWER REGARDING PORTS OF ENTRY.

4. TEXT OF RESUME GIVEN SALADO:

QUOTE

1. PARAGRAPH 3 OF THE UNITED STATES MISSION'S FEBRUARY 14, 1975 NOTE ON TRAVEL SHOULD BE INTERPRETED TO MEAN THAT NOTIFICATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL TRAVEL BEYOND THE 25-MILE RADIUS UP TO 250 MILES FROM THE CENTER OF NEW YORK CITY.

2. TRAVEL NOTIFICATION NOTES WHICH ARE TO BE SUBMITTED 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE WILL BE ACCEPTED ONLY DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AND FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 NOON ON FRIDAYS.

3. NOTIFICATION MUST INCLUDE NAMES OF ALL TRAVELERS, DESCRIPTION OF THEIR ITINERARY, IDENTIFICATION OF MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION USED, IF CAR LICENSE PLATE NUMBER, ROUTE NUMBERS OF ALL ROADS TRAVELED BY CAR LISTED IN THE ORDER IN WHICH THE ROADS ARE TAKEN, AND THE LOCATION OF EACH OVER-NIGHT STOP.

4. FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF CITIES IN OTHERWISE CLOSED AREAS, WITHIN 250-MILE RADIUS OF NEW YORK, WHICH ARE OPEN TO TRAVEL: BALTIMORE, MARYLAND; BOSTON, (INCLUDING CAMBRIDGE), MASSACHUSETTS; BUFFALO, NEW YORK; CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY; NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY; NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK; PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA; PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA; PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY; PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND.

5. FOLLOWING ARE SPECIFIED ROUTES OF AUTOMOTIVE TRANSIT THROUGH AREAS CLOSED TO TRAVEL WITHIN 250-MILE RADIUS OF NEW YORK:
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY -- VIA EXIT 8 OF NEW JERSEY
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TURNPIKE, ROUTES 33 AND 571

CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY -- VIA EXIT 4 OF NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE,
ROUTES 73 AND 38

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA -- VIA EXIT 4 OF NEW JERSEY
TURNPIKE, ROUTE 73

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND -- VIA NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE, ROUTE 95

BALTIMORE TO WASHINGTON, D.C. -- VIA WASHINGTON-BALTIMORE
EXPRESSWAY

WASHINGTON, D.C. TO MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE COUNTIES -- VIA
ROUTE 50

SULLIVAN COUNTY, NEW YORK -- VIA ROUTES 287, 6 AND 17

ERIE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AND BUFFALO, NEW YORK -- VIA
NEW YORK STATE THRUWAY

BUFFALO AND NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK -- VIA ROUTE 190

ALBANY, NEW YORK AND GLEN FALLS, NEW YORK -- VIA ROUTE 87.

6. TRANSIT TRAVEL BY RAILROAD OR COMMERCIAL AIRLINES
THROUGH CLOSED AREAS IS PERMITTED WHEN NECESSARY TO REACH OPEN
AREAS OR OPEN CITIES IN OTHERWISE CLOSED AREAS. DURING SUCH
TRANSIT TRAVEL, TRAVELERS MAY LEAVE THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF
THE RAIL OR AIR TERMINAL WITHIN CLOSED AREAS ONLY TO MAKE
CONNECTIONS FOR ONWARD TRAVEL, AND ALL TRAVEL WITHIN THE CLOSED
AREA MUST BE BY THE MOST DIRECT ROUTE.

7. UNLESS SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED, ENTRY INTO OR STOPPING
IN THE VICINITY OF IDENTIFIABLE MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IS
PROHIBITED.

8. BOAT TRAVEL THROUGH CLOSED AREAS OR WITHIN UNITED STATES
TERRITORIAL WATERS BORDERING CLOSED AREAS IS PROHIBITED.

9. CUBAN CITIZENS SUBJECT TO TRAVEL REGULATIONS MAY NOT
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HIRE UNCHAUFFED AUTOMOBILES NOR MAY THEY CHARTER HELICOPTERS
OR AIRCRAFT. UNQUOTE.
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